

Grassland Reserve Program
Pennsylvania FY 2003 Ranking Worksheet

Name: _____ County: _____
Easement or Rental Agreement (circle one)

Total Acres: _____
Acres needing restoration: _____ Estimated Cost: _____

Risk of Conversion 55%						Points
Land Capability Class	90% Class 1-3 = 40 points	75% Class 1-3 = 30 points	50% Class 1-3 = 20 points	30% Class 1-3 = 10 points		
Threat of Conversion to Urban Uses	1 point for each 100 people/square mile (15 point maximum), based on 2000 U.S. Census. See chart for county risk ratings.					

Restoration requirements 20%						Points
Existing Grassland Cover	100% grassland, no restoration required = 10 points		90% existing grassland = 5 points	75% existing grassland = 3 points		
Conservation Plan	Has fully implemented a current RMS Conservation Plan addressing grassland = 10 points		Has a current RMS Conservation Plan addressing grassland = 5 points			

Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity Potential 10%						Points
Existing Warm Season Grasses	2 acres of existing warm season grasses = 5 points		1 acre of existing warm season grasses = 2 points			
Streams on Property (first order or larger)	All streams completely fenced from livestock (crossings or controlled access allowed) = 5 points		A stream borders or flows through the tract = 3 points		No stream = 0 points	

Extent of Protection 10%						Points
Type and Length of Application	Permanent easement = 10 points	30 year easement or agreement = 6 points	20 year agreement = 4 points	15 year agreement = 2 points	10 year agreement = 0 points	

Support for existing grazing operations 5%						Points
Commercial Agricultural Operation	Part of an existing commercial grazing operation = 5 points					

TOTAL POINTS: